Fund allocation to DHR and research work undertaken by IT

1352. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Department of Health Research during the year 2008-09;

(b) the details of research that has been undertaken by the DHR;

(c) the achievements of the Department so far in the field of health research; and

(d) what measures Government proposed to take the benefits of such research to the common masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) During the year 2008-09, a total allocation of Rs.531.75 crores is available for Department of Health Research, out of which Rs.396.00 crores is earmarked for Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

(b) to (d) The Department which has started functioning with effect from April, 2008, is still in its formative stage and as such it is yet to start research activities.

Measures to control quacks and magic healers

1353. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that large percentage of people are being duped by quacks, and many people are going to magic healers who are somewhat less expensive than quacks;

(b) if so, the comments of Government thereto;

(c) whether there is a strong need for reducing the dependence of the people, particularly the rural poor, on exploitative private healthcare;

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the future action plan prepared to tackle quacks in all States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The State Medical Councils who grant registration to practitioners are empowered to take action against quacks. The provisions exist in Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 to take action against unqualified/unregistered practitioners of medicine. Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions can be punished with imprisonment and fine under respective Acts. Since the responsibility of enforcement of statutory provisions is that of concerned State Governments, no data on quacks/magic healers is maintained by the Central Government.

Deaths due to Chikungunya and Dengue in Andhra Pradesh

1354. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many people are dying due to Chikungunya and Dengue all over the country especially in the agency areas of coastal Andhra Pradesh, particularly tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps to be taken to contain such diseases in each State and especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the number of death toll disease-wise in each State during the last three years, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No Sir. No deaths have been reported due to Chikungunya all over the country especially in the agency areas of coastal Andhra Pradesh, particularly tribes.

In 2008 total 88974 clinically suspected cases were reported till November. Andhra Pradesh has reported 5 cases and Nil death.

Dengue: In 2008, 79 deaths have been reported out of total 11488 cases till November. The case fatality rate has declined to 0.88% in 2008 from 1.24% in 2007 and 1.49% in 2008.

Andhra Pradesh has reported 273 cases and 2 deaths. Out of which 5 cases and nil death were reported by Srikakulam district in agency areas of coastal Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Government of India has taken following steps to contain such diseases in the country including Andhra Pradesh:

- Prepared a strategic Action Plan for early case reporting & management, Entomological surveillance and anti mosquito measures for prevention and control of Dengue in the country and sent to the State(s) for implementation.
- Guidelines on clinical management of dengue sent to the States.
- Ensuring functioning of the 137 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals (SSHs) and 13 Apex Referral Laboratories (ARLs) to facilitate the diagnostic facilities in the State(s) by providing IgM ELISA test kits for diagnosis of Dengue and Chikungunya including 10 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and 1 Apex Referral Laboratory in Andhra Pradesh.
- IgM Mac ELISA test kits to all the SSHs and ARLs are being provided through National Institute of Virology, Pune.
- Ensuring trained laboratory teams on sero-diagnosis of Dengue and Chikungunya in the identified institutes.
- Endemic States have been requested to place rapid response teams at States and district Head Quarters to implement the remedial measures at the earliest on receipt of the report of any dengue or Chikungunya cases to prevent its further spread.
- Availability of the guidelines for clinical management of Dengue/DHF cases sent to the State(s) for wider circulation.
- State(s) were requested to prepare contingency plan for emergency hospitalization if any outbreak occurs.
- In addition to regular supply of logistics like larvicides and adulticides cash grant is also being provided to the endemic State(s).
- In 2006-07 and 2007-08 emergency package to the tune of Rs.21.60 crores and Rs.8.75 crores have been released to the Chikungunya affected States to contain the disease. Out of which Rs.2.21 crores and Rs.1.81 crores was provided to Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively.
- Regular monitoring and periodic review is held to provide technical guidance to the affected State(s).

(d) Details regarding number of death toll, disease-wise in each State during the last three years are given in the Statement-I and Statement-II.

Statement-I

Number of Death toll, disease-wise in each State during the last three years (2006-08)

Epidemiological profile of Chikungunya Fever in the country

		2006				2007				2008 (till November)			
Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total Suspected Chikun-gunya a fever cases	No. of Samples sent to NIV/ NICD	No. of confirmed cases	No.of deaths	Total Suspected Chikun-gunya a fever cases	No. of Samples sent to NIV/ NICD	No. of confirmed cases	No.of deaths	Total Suspected Chikun-gunya a fever cases	No. of Samples sent to NIV/ NICD	No. of confirmed cases	No.of deaths
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Andhra Pradesh	77535	1224	248	0	39	39	11	0	5	2	1	0
2	Karnataka	762026	5000	298	0	1705	641	133	0	46371	2823	917	0
3	Maharashtra	270116	5901	804	0	1762	297	135	0	549	177	155	0
4	Tamil Nadu	64802	648	116	0	45	13	10	0	44	0	0	0
5	Madhya Pradesh	60132	892	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	75419	1155	225	0	3223	238	122	0	201	80	16	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7	Kerala	70731	235	43	0	24052	4732	909	0	24668	1356	484	0
8	A & N Island	1549	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	NCT of Delhi	560	560	67	0	203	203	22	0	12	9	9	0
10	Rajasthan	102	44	24	0	2	2	2	0	3	3.	3	0
11	Pudducherry	542	52	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Goa	287	75	2	0	93	93	18	0	52	14	21	0
13	Orissa	6461	171	34	0	4065	423	90	0	48	48	8	0
14	West Bengal	21	0	21	0	19138	1135	347	0	16980	2561	530	0
15	Lakshadweep	35	00	0	0	5184	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
16	Uttar Pradesh	4	4	4	0	4	4	4	0	10	10	7	0
17	Haryana	0	0	0	0	20	20	13	0	31	31	13	0
	TOTAL	1390332	15961	2001	0	59535	7850	1826	0	88974	7114	2164	0

Statement-II

State-wise dengue cases and deaths in the country

Sl.No.	State	2005		2006		2007		2008 (till Nov.)	
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1	Andhara Pradesh	99	2	197	17	587	2	273	2
2	Bihar	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
3	Chandigarh	2	0	182	0	99	0	166	0
4	Delhi	1023	9	3366	65	548	1	1265	2
5	Goa	1	0	1	0	36	0	37	0
6	Gujarat	454	11	545	5	570	2	837	2
7	Haryana	183	1	838	4	365	11	1137	10
8	Karnataka	587	17	109	7	230	0	291	3
9	Kerala	1028	8	981	4	603	11	514	3
10	Maharashtra	349	56	736	25	614	21	548	21
11	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Punjab	251	2	1166	6	28	0	4199	20
13	Rajasthan	370	5	1805	26	540	10	663	4
14	Tamil Nadu	1142	8	477	2	707	2	506	3
15	Uttar Pradesh	121	4	639	14	132	2	39	2
16	West Bengal	6375	34	1230	8	95	4	972	7
17	Pudducherry	0	0	0	0	274	0	32	0
18	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	16	0	51	2	0	0
20	Orissa	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
21	J & K	0	0	24	1	0	0	0	0
22	Manipur	0	0	0	0	51	1	0	0
23	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
	TOTAL	11985	157	12317	184	5534	69	11488	79